

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended): A process for preparing an industrial polyester multifilament yarn, comprising:
 - A) melt-extruding a polyester polymer having ethylene terephthalate units of 90 mol% or more forming an extruded yarn and passing the extruded yarn through a delay quenching zone and then a quenching zone to solidify the extruded yarn ~~to have~~ as an undrawn yarn having an intrinsic viscosity of 0.88 or more;
 - B) oiling and taking up the undrawn yarn at ~~an appropriate~~ a speed with the to provide an undrawn yarn having a density of 1.338 to 1.365 g/cm³; and
 - C) drawing the undrawn yarn at the glass transition temperature or lower in three stages with the proviso that the draw ratio is greater in the 1st stage than in the 2nd stage or the 3rd stage and greater in the 3rd stage than in the 2nd stage, heat-setting the drawn yarn, relaxing the heat-set yarn, and winding the resulting yarn,

to obtain an industrial polyester multifilament yarn having a terminal modulus of 35 g/d or less and a tenacity of 7.2 g/d or more.
2. (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the undrawn yarn is drawn at a total draw ratio of 1.5 to 2.5.
3. (Canceled)